Societies have changed, and continue to change a lot. Over the last 200 years the world has seen a movement of most societies from agricultural, to industrial and finally service oriented economies. The skills **that** agricultural and industrial societies needed are very different to those needed in knowledge based societies. To be successful in knowledge age societies, people need certain skills. These can be broken down into social, cognitive and strategic skills. Social skills include those we need to work with other people, for example, teamwork, communication and collaboration. Cognitive skills include ones like decision making, problem solving, and flexibility. Lastly, strategic skills make us more efficient. These include things like time management and taking responsibility. Besides these skills knowledge age societies also need to be aware of certain fields of knowledge, such as, health, financial, environmental and civic. Students in the UAE need to be taught these skills and themes in education.